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Promotion of Agricultural Technique
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that average educated youths are in great demand in villages who are well versed in agricultural techniques and who are laborious rather than graduate and post graduate persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to open institutes of farming, animal husbandry, practical training institutes and agricultural colleges rather than opening degree colleges in rural areas to provide employment guarantee to the youths of rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
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(a) & (b): Rural youth skilled in agricultural technologies generally perform well in village situations, as they are more aware of the local problems and ground situation.

(c) & (d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 642 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) aiming at assessment and demonstration of technologies/products and its dissemination through number of extension programmes. The activities and programmes of KVKs include testing and demonstration of agricultural technologies in farmers' field; training of youth and farmers; creation of awareness among farmers on improved technologies through various extension programmes. The extension programmes/activities are in the form of advisory services, diagnostic and clinic services, exhibitions, exposure visits, farm science club, farmers' seminar, farmers' visit to KVK, field days, film shows, group meetings, Kisanghosthi, Kisan melas etc. Further, the Government has approved for setting-up of 109 more KVKs in the country during 12th Plan. The location-wise and State-wise details of districts for setting up of new KVKs are given in Annexure-I.

In addition, 100 ICAR Research Institutes are also providing need based technological options which help in creating awareness and self employment.

Besides, Government has initiated a program on Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA) in selected districts through KVKs with an objective for entrepreneurial development of Youth in rural areas to take up various agriculture, allied and service sector enterprises for sustainable income and gainful employment.

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